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THE CONSUMER PAYS AGAIN.

Duties amounting to \$50,000 were collected at New York on Monday on 6,000 tons of potatoes received from London. More than half that amount will be collected in Boston next week, when another large consignment arrives from Liverpool. This importation of potatoes has been going on briskly since the first of the year. In Boston alone more than 250,000 bags, or about 750,000 bushels, have been landed and duly taxed, though the reason why they were brought all the way across the sea is that the supply here is woefully short. The crop at home is held back for high prices, and the imports are taxed to meet a theoretical condition that does not exist. The home producer certainly does not need protection now.

COMMON, EVERYDAY PLAGUES.

Dr. Thayer, who has taken Dr. Osler's place at Johns Hopkins, reports that 10,000 die every year in the United States from malaria, and it was hardly necessary for him to add that the fact is discreditable to our sanitary system. But along with this report comes the more encouraging announcement that the National Drainage Congress, which is to meet in Washington next month, purposes to start a national campaign for the reclamation of all swamp lands.

It is estimated that there are about 100,000,000 acres of such lands, subject to periodical or constant inundation favorable to the breeding of the germ-carrying mosquito, and some of the students of the subject go so far as to assert that fully 250,000 deaths are due in the land annually to the breeding of this miserable pest. An expert pest-fighter like Colonel Gorgas, it is contended, could make the country as comparatively healthful, so far as malaria and kindred ills are concerned, as he has made Cuban and Panamanian territory.

The projected campaign invites general attention. The vast swamp lands are not the only places requiring attention. A great many noxious holes and hollows to be found around every city serve as breeding places for mosquitoes and flies, and will continue to serve so until they are filled up. The dangerous places are often right out in the backyards. Thus the problem comes home to a great many people. It ought to be fought out all along the line.

WAIT UNTIL THEY SQUEAL.

If Mr. Roosevelt is defeated in Massachusetts, Illinois or Maryland, it is not hard to see what will happen. The primaries will be "fraudulent" and the people will be "cheated out of their right to an honest vote."—New York World.

Isn't this going rather too fast in order to put Colonel Roosevelt in a bad light? The machine in Maryland is against Colonel Roosevelt, and in this, as in any other primary, the machine counts for a good deal. Every Federal officialholder in the State must get out and hustle in return for his job.

But the attention of our contemporary is called to the fact that every advocate of Colonel Roosevelt in Maryland, so far as The Times can ascertain, wishes to see Governor Goldsborough sign the Harper bill.

At least, it gives the voters of Maryland opportunity to stand up and be counted.

This is a good deal. It is vastly preferable to a scheme by means of which a number of estimable gentlemen can get together and decide for themselves what the voters want.

In the Republican party at this time there is need for light, honestly thrown, on the attitude of the rank and file.

Lame as the new primary law is, those Republicans who believe in the cause Colonel Roosevelt espouses may place their faith in him on record.

Those Republicans who believe that the nomination of Mr. Taft means a hopeless fight in November may indicate by their ballots in a way that cannot be misunderstood how the party in Maryland views the prospect.

THE BRITISH BUDGET SPEECH.

David Lloyd-George, presenting his budget for 1912-13 in the commons, made the speech of a chancellor who has received a most striking vindication. His program of social and fiscal reforms has literally accomplished wonders.

In the first place, despite the immense cost of age pensions, naval expansion, and other extraordinary items, the balance sheet for the last year shows the largest surplus ever known in United Kingdom finances—over \$32,000,000. There has been, right down to the day when the coal strike began, a wonderful and constant improvement in prosperity. Greatly increased revenues have been produced without taxing the necessities of life. Employment has been more regular and satisfactory than ever before. Britain has been able to maintain the fearful burdens of the naval construction competition with Germany, not only without a quaver, but with the cheering confidence that can only be inspired by realization that there is still money in the treasury to spare.

Indeed, Mr. Lloyd-George proposes that this

year's surplus shall not be applied to reduction of either the debt or the taxation rate, but held as a guarantee fund to assure the national ability to overmatch whatever naval program Germany shall bring forward. It is quite impossible to conceive anything more likely to give pause to German naval ambitions. Already groaning under the burdens, just escaped from menace of a very serious financial crisis, Germany sees her rival cheerily tucking away millions of spare cash and casually mentioning that they can be shoved into the center of the table whenever Germany chooses to raise the bet in the naval poker game.

WHICH MAKES REPUBLICAN POLICIES?

Here are two interesting groups of States; ten States in each group. Opposite each is set down the number of electoral votes it will cast for a President this year:

State.	Elec. Votes.	State.	Elec. Votes.
Alabama	12	California	13
Arkansas	9	Illinois	29
Florida	6	Maryland	10
Georgia	14	Nebraska	8
Louisiana	10	New Jersey	14
Mississippi	10	North Dakota	5
North Carolina	12	Oregon	5
South Carolina	9	South Dakota	5
Texas	20	Washington	7
Virginia	12	Wisconsin	13
Total	114	Total	107

It is worth while to study that table a little. The first list includes ten Southern States that are absolutely certain to give their votes to the Democratic nominee.

The second list includes ten Northern States, nine of them rated as usually Republican, one as doubtful.

No Republican candidate for President could hope to be elected if it were known that he would lose half the votes in this second list.

No Republican candidate has ever got A SINGLE ELECTORAL VOTE from any State in the first list.

The first list is absolutely without significance to the Republican party.

The second list is absolutely necessary to Republican success.

The first list will send 228 delegates to the Republican national convention this year.

Delegates for the first list of States will be chosen by the corrupt office-holding political machines, seated by the national organization if possible, and voted solidly for Taft.

Delegates from the States in the second group will all be CHOSEN BY PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY, and Mr. Taft will not get one-tenth of them.

Some will be for La Follette, some for Roosevelt; practically none for Taft.

Yet, in the national convention, it is proposed, under our present machine system of running things, to let the ten solidly Democratic States of the first group MAKE THE NOMINATION of the man whom the people of the other group have rejected as their nominee, but whom these States MUST ELECT IF HE IS ELECTED AT ALL.

Study that list. It tells the whole story of the Republican campaign. The Southern States will nominate Mr. Taft, if he is nominated at all. They will not support him in the election.

The Northern States will oppose Mr. Taft for the nomination; overwhelmingly, emphatically, conclusively; yet they will be called on for the electoral votes to win for the man whom the Southern States will have nominated.

Is the present a good year in which to press such a demand as that upon the loyalty of the Northern Republicans?

Are party ties strong enough to stand that strain? They certainly were not strong enough in 1910, as witness the Congressional outcome.

Does anybody, in his right mind, believe they are strong enough this year?

Nobody; and least of all the men who are managing the fight for Taft.

Those men do not expect Taft to be elected. They know he cannot be. They are fighting to keep the machinery of the Republican party in their own hands for future use.

MILWAUKEE AND THE SOCIALISTS.

It was almost inevitable that the socialists, after their fling in Milwaukee, would lose, temporarily at least, and return the nominal control of the city to other political powers.

The socialists could not hope or expect to "make good" in a great city like Milwaukee, simply because they could not carry out their program.

Perhaps if they carried it out it would fail. But that is not the point. The socialists design many movements which simply cannot be accomplished so long as city charters are restricted as now. The State legislatures hold a firm overlordship of the cities; nothing worth while—nothing very useful or very dangerous—can be done, by socialists or by anybody else, until we have free cities in this country.

New York is half-way ruled from Albany; Philadelphia from Harrisburg; Chicago from Springfield; Milwaukee from Madison. And so on.

It is all wrong. The cities ought to be set free; their affairs ought to be in their own hands. If Milwaukee or Des Moines wants to buy its street railways it ought not to be prevented by any general limitation of debt imposed by a State constitution upon all cities. Circumstances differ with cities; every city ought to run its own affairs. Fitting Milwaukee into garments made for Madison and Fond du Lac is as idiotic as expecting the forms of cantonese government in Switzerland to apply to London.

It is not necessarily the fault of the Milwaukee socialists that they did not do all the things they promised in two short years. Nobody could have done much more than they did.

MATHEMATICS.

A class was being examined in mental arithmetic. When the master asked one of the boys this question, "If your father gave you one dollar ten dollars Friday night, and five dollars Saturday night, what would she have?" His answer was, "Please, sir, she would have a fit."

SCHOOL OFFICIALS UPHELD IN REPORT ON CADET CHARGES

Allegations of Favoritism Not Sustained—Other School News.

Principal Alan Davis and Charles Hart, faculty military director of the Business High School, are sustained in the report of the military affairs committee of the Board of Education with respect to the two cadets, Irving Frank and John E. Eckert, whose fight for commissions as student officers seems least.

The committee report, prepared by Superintendent W. M. Davidson, was prepared with a view to presentation at yesterday afternoon's board meeting, but not offered because one member, E. H. Daniel, had not yet seen it. After meeting Mr. Daniel read the report and the board meeting was adjourned. The report will be formally offered at the next board meeting and probably will be unanimously adopted.

As forecast, the two students are exonerated in the report of charges of untruthfulness, which the Business High School authorities brought against them following their original allegation of favoritism on the part of Principal Davis and Mr. Hart. In other respects, however, the school authorities get a vindication. The report goes into detail into the question of methods of appointment of officers, and their adoption will standardize this matter in the several high schools.

All Very Polite.

Members of the Board of Education deferred to one another most politely when a letter was read from A. R. Severn, of Severn & Joyce, attorneys for A. A. Doolittle, an instructor in the Central High School. The letter asked that the board designate a member to accept service in Doolittle's mandamus suit. Mr. Doolittle wants the court to order him promoted from Group A, class 6, to Group B, of the same class. It would mean \$90 more in salary.

"Suppose you be the defendant, Harry," said President Oyster to H. E. Blair.

Mr. Blair thought that Superintendent Davidson ought to be the defendant. Dr. Davidson looked unhappy and nominated President Oyster.

Mrs. Ellen Spencer Mussey said that she did not desire a member of the board coming to the College of Law today, so that she, too, favored Mr. Oyster. A motion was made to accept the motion of the board to be the president of the board to be the defendant.

Being defendant means spending considerable time in court, and will be more or less of a nuisance. The Board of Education expects the Corporation Counsel to act for it, when the case comes up. The board has no attorney of its own.

The board referred to the District Commissioners the matter of sale of school text books, and the board of education to junk and second-hand dealers, and it suggested that the Commissioners take steps to have these books sold at a profit to the school.

Considerable trouble of the sort has also been experienced at the McKinley Manual Training High School.

Funeral Services Held For Mrs. M. A. Anderson

Funeral ceremonies for Mrs. Mary A. Anderson, of Falls Church, Va., who died at Georgetown University Hospital Monday, were held in the chapel of Clements' undertaking establishment in Georgetown today at noon. The body was taken to Rockville, Md., where interment was made in Union Cemetery.

Mrs. Anderson was the wife of P. S. Anderson, formerly of the Washington Printing Office. She was thirty-seven years old.

What's on the Program in Washington Today

The following Masonic organizations will meet tonight: Lodge No. 1, M. M. Hiram, No. 10, M. M. La Fayette, No. 19, William R. Singleton, No. 2, M. M. Arch, Chapter, No. 11, Mark, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite—Celebration of Maundy Thursday, ceremonies and banquets, at the Hotel Maymont, Board of Relief—Monthly meeting, Eastern Star—Elder Chapter, No. 5. The following O. O. F. lodges will meet tonight: Columbia No. 1, and Excelsior, No. 17, degree work; Salem, No. 2, business. The following chapters of Pythias organizations will meet tonight: Lodge—Franklin, No. 2, Uniform Rank—Goldfield Company, No. 1, business.

The following K. of C. lodges will meet tonight: Golden Rule, No. 2, regular business, 723 Eighth street northwest; District, No. 8, regular business, 723 Eighth street northwest; Metropolitan, No. 12, regular business, Pythian temple, 1010 14th street northwest; Meeting of National Circle, No. 3, 1, Protected Home Circle, Royal Arcanum Hall, 1414 14th street and Pennsylvania avenue southeast, 8 p. m.

Meeting of committee on civil service to consider Senator Cummings' bill for retirement of clerks and employees in Government service.

Meeting Washington Board of Trade, New York Hotel, 8 p. m.

Lecture under auspices of Medical Society of the District at Public Library, 8 p. m.

Annual meeting of the Columbia Heights Art Club, 8 p. m.

Lecture under auspices of Washington Chapter, American Institute of Banking, by Charles F. Carrol on "Contract and Their Realities," 8 p. m.

Meeting of representatives of Washington Citizens' association to draft substitute bill for improvement of the Anacostia, 8 p. m.

Meeting of the "Fighting of Lights" and "Mystic Banquet" to be held by Evangelist Chapter, No. 1, of Rock Creek, No. 1, of Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, at home of the temple, 710 and 720 streets northwest, 8 p. m.

National—A Romance of the Underworld, 8:15 p. m.

Belasco—Over Night, 8:15 p. m.

Columbia—Columbia Nights in "Billy," 8:15 and 8:45 p. m.

Chas-Polite vaudeville, 2:15 and 8:15 p. m.

Academy—"The Penalty," 2:15 and 8:15 p. m.

Imperial—"Floradora," 2:15 and 8:15 p. m.

Casino—Elite vaudeville.

Cosmos—Refined vaudeville.

Maestri—Vaudeville.

Gaiety—"Midnight Maidens," 2:15 and 8:15 p. m.

Loveland—"The Gay Widows," 2:15 and 8:15 p. m.

Argente—Motion pictures, skating and bowling.

In the Mail Bag

Readers of The Times are invited to use this department as their own—to write freely and frankly with the assurance that no letter not objectionable in language will be denied publication. Letters must not, however, exceed 250 words in length, and must be written only on one side of the paper. Letters must bear the names and addresses of the writers as evidence of good faith, but the names will not be made public without the consent of the contributors. Address MAIL BAG EDITOR OF THE TIMES.

SUFFRAGE NECESSARY TO CONTROL SALOONS

To the Editor of THE TIMES: In your issue of March 31, I read several articles under the Mail Bag, and I will permit me to add my article in review to the Commissioners on the saloon question. I will always appreciate it and help bring about reform with the assistance of your valuable paper.

The articles written on this subject for the past week were indeed to the point and very interesting, but one thing that the writers seem to have forgotten, and that is, that unless we have home rule and be permitted to choose our officers, the saloon question is without foundation, and useless.

I cannot for the world see the use of us trying to get the present Commission to do things, when they have failed and fall today to show any interest in or for the people. The saloon question, the universal transfer question, and a great many others, have been blocked by the Commissioners, who, instead of favoring measures that in all respects beneficial to the people of the District, they block and refuse aid.

I have read several articles in your Mail Bag on these subjects and I find that the only way the people of the District will ever have a voice in their home rule is by having suffrage here, then and only then will the citizens get their rights, due and honestly belonging to them.

Please accept my thanks for your kindness in the work that your Mail Bag is doing. I am for better government.

SENATOR TOWNSEND NOT A CANDIDATE

To the Editor of THE TIMES:

In your leading editorial of April 1 you give an unwelcome dig to Senator Townsend in regard to the recent snap-box primaries held in Jackson, Mich., his home town, regarding the small vote he received as a delegate to the State convention, creating the impression that he was roundly drubbed in his home city, and stating that he was beaten three to one. Now, then, you are doing Senator Townsend a great injustice by your article, and creating a false impression.

For Senator Townsend was not a candidate at all as a delegate to the convention, nor did he go home to attend the primaries, nor did he take any active part in it, leaving to his home people to do as they pleased, and vote for whom they pleased. The city of Jackson did not vote against or for Senator Townsend. To be sure, in his home ward, the Fourth, he received a few votes, and they were more or less complimentary, and in no sense an expression of opinion, for if they were, you could have well said he was beaten more than eight to one in the ward, for that was the result of the vote. So you can see from this there was nothing in the vote to indicate a rejection of him.

Who has always voted straight, "like he shot," will help to recall the Republican party. Never were the old soldiers more in earnest than they are now. They know where he stands.

QUAYLE'S RECOVERY IS NOW EXPECTED

WASHINGTON TIMES BUREAU, ALEXANDRIA, VA., APRIL 4.

The condition of Sylvester Quayle, who was struck by an electric car on the Mt. Vernon division of the Washington-Virginia railway in the south end of the city yesterday afternoon, is said to be favorable for his recovery, at the Alexandria Hospital this morning. Quayle, who lives at 535 South Lee street, was standing near the tracks as the express train approached.

Motorman Richard Crane, who with Conductor Charles Simpson, in charge of the train, saw the man, but thought that he would not attempt to cross the tracks. Quayle did so, however, and was struck and dragged for several feet, before the motorman could bring the train to a stop. Quayle was placed in the ambulance by Officer Wilkerson and taken to Alexandria Hospital, where Dr. Delaney dressed his wounds. Besides having his scalp nearly torn off, he was badly bruised about the body.

Charged with carrying concealed weapons, a fine of \$25 was imposed on John Entwistle in police court this morning. Nearly a week ago, Entwistle was arrested at a house on North Lee street, a revolver in each hand, threatening to "clean out" the place. Besides the two guns, he carried a box full of cartridges, having the appearance of a small arsenal. Before he could put his threats into execution, Lieutenant Bettis arrived and placed him under arrest.

After the testimony of several witnesses had been heard, Entwistle admitted the charge, stating that he was under the influence of intoxicants at the time. He had just purchased the two guns at a pawnshop on the way home at the time. Justice Caton, in imposing the fine, remarked that it was a very dangerous practice to pursue under the circumstances.

The affair occurred March 8, and owing to the illness of the defendant, the case was not heard until today.

Mrs. Sarah E. Brenner, wife of Anthony Brenner, died last night, after a long illness, at 20 North Columbus street, late last night, following an illness of some duration. She was about sixty years old, and besides her husband is survived by the following children: William Brenner, Malcolm Brenner, Mrs. Charles H. Davis, Mrs. William J. Davis, and Mrs. John J. Davis.

ARMY AND NAVY ORDERS

ARMY.

Colonel L. MERVIN MAUS, Medical Corps, to Governors Island, N. Y., for duty as chief surgeon, upon reassignment of Colonel JOHN VAN R. HOFF, Medical Corps.

Lieutenant CHARLES W. McCLURE, Seventh Infantry, to Fort McDowell, Cal., relieving Lieutenant JOHN C. MOORE, Ninth Infantry, transferred to Seventh Infantry, who will join his regiment.

NAVY.

Captain H. A. FIELD, detached instructor sixth light-house district, Tennessee.

Lieutenant Commander W. P. CRO-

NAN, to Bath Iron works, Bath, Me.

Ensign W. N. RICHARDSON, JR., detached to Naval Hospital, New York, N. Y.

MOVEMENTS OF VESSELS.

Arrived—Abreuda, at Shanghai; Glendora, at San Francisco; Solace, at L. N. Haven, Bay; Washington, at Port au Prince; Oscola, at Preston; Cuba; Castine; Severn; Tomah; C-2, C-4, C-5, D-2, D-3, E-1, and E-2, at Yorktown.

Sailed—Davis and Fox, from Mare Island for cruise; Petrel, from Guantanamo for Mexico; Patterson, from Charleston for Pensacola; C-3, C-4, C-5, D-2, D-3, E-1, and E-2, from Yorktown.

Sailed—Alexander, from Olongapo for Guam.

OLD FATHERS HAVE ADJUSTABLE TIME AT MONTHLY MEETING

Clam Chowder Banquet Closes Largely Attended Session.

Constitutional amendments, clamchowder, greetings from an inauguration day victim, and election of members occupied the attention of the Association of Old Men of the District of Columbia last night. The regular monthly meeting called out an attendance that filled the seating capacity of the association's hall in the old Union engine house, at Nineteenth and H streets northwest, and overflowed two long tables in the basement of the building when "chowder time" came.

Dr. A. T. Farlen, much enfeebled, addressed his fellow members in this association after an absence of three years through illness brought on by exposure on inauguration day. A special committee comprising W. H. Singleton, J. B. McCarthy, and J. H. Mahoney was named by President T. W. Noyes to call further attention to the constitutional amendment for the establishing of an executive committee, that has been pending for some time. To this came special committees was referred an amendment presented by Washington Terhpen providing for a standing membership committee.

Change Proposed. Discussion of the executive committee plan was general. An amendment was presented that conferred power on the proposed committee to transact practically the entire business of the association. To this proposal Secretary Mahoney and others objected as being an undemocratic move to confer such power on a committee. President Noyes, at whose suggestion the amendment was planned, explained that the sole object of having an executive committee is to relieve the regular association meetings of some of the routine business that now the apologetic meetings of making itself as interesting and useful to its own membership, and to all Washingtonians, as it should be.

President Noyes said that with the routine business reduced to a minimum by an executive committee the regular meetings of the association would be freer for reminiscences and historical papers.

The amendment was given to the special committee to draft a less sweeping measure.

A. H. Ragan reminded the association that the last night he was invited to a banquet on May 18, in memory of his father, the late H. A. Willard. A photograph of the association, which was a gift of the Droop music store, was accepted and a vote of thanks to the donors was passed. The same action was taken with regard to the bridge, and a badge of the Georgetown Friendship Association of 1889. Mrs. H. L. Agnew donated these two relics.

Deaths Reported. The deaths of George Seitz on March 19, and of Henry Franc on March 21, both members of the association, were reported. Expression of sympathy was voted to James Croghan in the death of his wife.

The new members of the association elected last night are: Eugene L. White, 1333 Corcoran street northwest; Alexander Dallas Tucker, 1763 Willard street northwest; Robert E. Bryant, 1518 Eighth street northwest; J. E. Weide, 202 East Capitol street northwest. Applications for membership were received from Leonard C. Bowie, 96 Westminister street northwest; William Brodt, 719 Rock Creek church road northwest; G. A. Brandt, 1213 Maryland avenue; Allen Wright, 1213 G street northwest.

Following the business the members of the association adjourned to the basement of the building where H. Walker was their host at a clam chowder spread.

Maundy Thursday to Be Observed By Masons

Maundy Thursday will be observed tonight by Evangelist Chapter, No. 1, Knights of Rose Croix, Valley of Washington, Scottish Rite Masons. The lights on the altar of the chapter will be extinguished, and the members of the world was cut off with the crucifixion of Christ, and on Easter Sunday are again lit, symbolic of the resurrection.

"Mystic banquet" will be given, at which toast will be drunk to the memory of Albert Pike, the great philosopher of the United States, to the supreme council of the thirty-third degree for the Southern jurisdiction of the United States, and to the sovereign grand commander, James Daniel Richardson, who will be present.

Last night, Mr. Richardson spoke to the members of Washington Centennial Lodge, No. 14, F. A. M. He contrasted the Scottish and York rites of Freemasonry.

Writer In Munsey's Tells of the Drama

"One notable feature of present-day drama is the decline in popularity of the triangle. This is distinctly a matter of fact, and its identifying adjective 'eternal,' writes Matthew White, Jr., in stage comments in Munsey's Magazine for April.

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